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SUBJECT: Appraisal of Intelligence Material

TO: Chief, FJCape
           Washington, D. C.

           Attn: [   ]

Reference: BGFiend

     Attached for your information is a memorandum
from [   ] to [   ] on the
above subject.

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1 Attachment :
     Memo, dtd 4 Jan 51, in triplicate

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1.   The intelligence portion of [   ] overall critique on the first EGFiend infiltration (report dated 1 December 1950) may be recalled for the timidity with which the inadequacy of operational intelligence was bewailed. The ensuing weeks have produced no notable improvement. The overwhelming amount of intelligence with which we must work still is riddled with unreliable ratings - the familiar F-6. The preponderance of our documents originate with LCFlake services; there are outcroppings of emotion in many passages, indications of editing, admissions that the material, in some cases, is beyond confirmation, and because interrogations are what they are, there are overtones of parroting. .

2.   Charity intelligence, while elevated from the fog of hearsay, nevertheless is limited. Understandably so. That which is produced is useable and usually very pertinent.

3.   Ogive intelligence is mainly valuable when we request specific information. This is neither swift nor convenient, and the jockeying that seems to be necessary to obtain it further relegates its value. Occasionally, time becomes a factor.

4.   Jagged intelligence so far has proved most sound. But frequent reference only serves to magnify what could be termed a weakness in our system.

5.   Notwithstanding the above, the case which really prompts this memorandum is the package of 40 items forwarded here from ZRMetal under 297-CWUAG. It was encouraging - to a point. The data first appeared as an excellent compilation of undisputed information by subject, probably a granite foundation for all future intelligence. There was one glaring exception: none of it had been evaluated. For example, Item #14 ("Air Force") was a startling pearl of news. Until this pouch, Pixieland had been pictured nude of air power, with the

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possible exception of three Junkers in unknown but probable motheaten condition and an equal number of discarded UNRRA DDT dusters perhaps unserviceable but surely not motheaten. Suddenly we are confronted by a phantom, 300-plane force without any evidence of aircraft shipments, accelerated training programs, or an increase in operating personnel above the five officers an informant in Paragraph 7 of Item 15 ("Airfields") reported while loitering in Identity (1)! Jagged was astounded. And our subsequent query of ZRMetal only confessed that the Pixie Air Force so mightily described was F-6. An AOB was to follow. As you are aware, air power within Pixieland is a touchy matter with us.

6.   The damage of all this was the complete disenchantment of the other 39 items.

7.   Rightly or not, the thought occurred: are we responsible for the validity of such information? The slim facilities of this office, it must be agreed, give the answer: Such a proposition is fantastic.

8.   Time and familiarity no doubt will diminish these uncomfortable hitches. It might be profitable, as a beginning, to urge ZRMetal to adopt the following suggestions:

   a.   Cull all contradictions (i.e. Items 14 and 15) before assembling summaries;

   b.   carefully evaluate all intelligence data no matter in what form it is dispatched;

   c.   include that evaluation;

   d.   use Pixie spellings whenever possible AND supplement the names of locations with coordinates always;

   e.   strive for a uniformity of spelling in all names and thus eliminate noticeable duplication;

   f.   emphasize AOB's, OB's, and AAA (with warning devices) along with Internal Security systems and routine material;

   g.   amend the basic intelligence data routinely;

   h.   and give wider latitude to the governing concepts of "operational intelligence".

9. Generally, the contents of 297-CWUAG were outdated. Some items such as "Copper Mines", "A Pixie Town", "Cotton", "Iron", "Two Pixie Ports", and "Silver", could not apply to our present needs. The exciting report on "Radar-Rocket Launching-Missiles" proved a sentence of empty conjecture. Radar, for example, is of vital interest to us.

10. One solid answer to this disorganization would be a project within ZRMetal to assemble a packet of intelligence material, after serious deliberation of individual needs (note Para. 8-h above), - graduate the evaluations - straighten names - delete, amend, and update all information - and disseminate to the users. This packet or kit, could be the basis for an efficient reorganization of the working intelligence files in the field. Subsequent revisions, with graded evaluations, would become routine and complete information readily available to the operator. Granted, this is elementary.

11. We hope that you will accept these criticisms and recommendations in the spirit that prompted their writing. We are motivated only by the objectives of our mission.

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